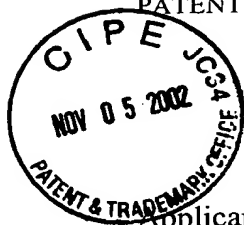


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Applicant: Walter Viegener

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For: NON-DETACHABLE PRESS FIT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A
FITTING AND AN END PORTION OF A METAL PIPE

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
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Sir:

Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the outstanding Office Action submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The outstanding Office Action was issued June 6, 2002, the initial period for response expiring September 6, 2002.

As required, the appropriate fee of \$400.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a two-month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (834/39803).

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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